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### WASHINGTON'S WHEAT STOCKS DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM 2004

OLYMPIA, Wash., September 30, 2005--The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in Washington on September 1, 2005 decreased from a year earlier. Chris Messer, Director for the USDA/NASS, Washington Field Office, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 144.4 million bushels, a decrease of 8 percent from September 1, 2004. The quantity of barley in Washington storages totaled 11.0 million bushels, down 39 percent from the same date in 2004."

Wheat stored on farms in Washington on September 1, 2005 totaled 22.0 million bushels, down 5.0 million bushels from the quantity stored on farms on September 1, 2004. Wheat stored off farms totaled 122.4 million bushels compared with 129.5 million bushels on the same date a year ago.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on September 1, 2005 totaled 260.4 million bushels, 5 percent below September 1, 2004. On-farm stocks totaled 67.0 million bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 193.4 million bushels, a decrease of 2 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the United States on September 1, 2005 totaled 1.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. On-farm stocks, at 719.4 million bushels, were down 9 percent from last September. Holdings off-farm were 1.20 billion bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago.

September 1, 2005 on-farm barley stocks in Washington totaled 2.0 million bushels, down 50 percent from the quantity in storage on the same date a year ago. The quantity of barley stored in the state in off-farm storages was 9.0 million bushels, a decrease of 35 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2004. Pacific Northwest barley stocks in all positions totaled 70.1 million bushels on September 1, 2005, a decrease of 3 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2004. Nationally, barley stocks in all positions were estimated at 251.3 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year.

**GRAIN STOCKS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, JUNE 1, 2004, & SEPTEMBER 1, 2004**

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
<b>1,000 Bushels</b>									
<b>Wheat</b>									
Sep. 1, 2003	27,000	129,477	156,477	77,500	197,599	275,099	790,600	1,147,807	1,938,407
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	1,800	34,518	36,318	8,300	56,339	64,639	161,275	378,825	540,100
Sep. 1, 2004	22,000	122,444	144,444	67,000	193,384	260,384	719,360	1,199,274	1,918,634
<b>Barley</b>									
Sep. 1, 2003	4,000	14,017	18,017	34,400	38,181	72,581	175,300	114,777	290,077
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	300	2,837	3,137	7,600	22,404	30,004	41,100	87,317	128,417
Sep. 1, 2004	2,000	9,041	11,041	31,800	38,257	70,057	137,400	113,911	251,311
<b>Corn</b>									
Sep. 1, 2003	*	2,429	*	*	*	*	438,000	520,091	958,091
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	*	7,912	*	*	11,384	*	2,462,300	1,857,482	4,319,782
Sep. 1, 2004	*	5,639	*	*	*	*	820,500	1,291,734	2,112,234
<b>Oats</b>									
Sep. 1, 2003	*	290	*	*	1,304	*	74,300	41,458	115,758
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	*	137	*	*	516	*	25,350	32,592	57,942
Sep. 1, 2004	*	206	*	*	998	*	71,200	41,843	113,043

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

3/ Revised.

\* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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